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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if I understand the hon. Member correctly, my own fear is that we cannot compel any owner to start a factory. If we can, then we can impose conditions. The difficulty arises when an owner who does not want to start a factory, tries making beedies in some other place which will not come under the provisions of the Factory Act or the purview of the Factory Inspector."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question is whether the Government will consider the suggestion that licences in respect of manufacture of beedis should be issued only to those employers who undertake to employ ten or more workers, so that the concern may come under the Factories Act."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, at the present moment what the hon. Member suggests is not possible. But in a conference which I called two or three times, I put it to the labourers as well as factory owners whether two assurances will be given by them : Firstly, not to employ children and secondly not to impose the necessity of working for more than eight hours. Obviously, the managements were not in favour of this eight-hour condition being insisted upon and the labour leaders were not agreeable to make the workers work more than eight hours. Therefore, it failed."

The Indo-Ceylon Agreement.

* 268 Q.—SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras were consulted by the Government of India about the terms and clauses of the Indo-Ceylon Agreement regarding Indians in Ceylon reached on 18th January 1954 between the Prime Ministers of India and Ceylon and ratified on 13th February 1954 by the Government of India and the Government of Ceylon ; and

(*b*) if so, the opinions given by this Government in matters so consulted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) the question does not arise."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the feelings and the concern of the people of South India, particularly the people of this State, were expressed by the resolution unanimously adopted by this House, did not the Government think it fit and necessary to impress upon the Government of India the need for consulting them in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the advice of the Government and also the feelings of the people in South India

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were well-known to the Government of India. They had to make the best of a bargain and they have arrived at this agreement.''

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have considered the terms and conditions of the agreement reached between the Ceylon Government and the Government of India and if so, whether any opinion has been formed by this Government? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I cannot give my opinion about this agreement, Sir.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government of Madras please inform the Government of India of the earnest desire of this House that in all such matters in future, they must be consulted since such matters affect the persons of Madras State origin? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever consultations are necessary, we are consulted and in this matter the facts are well-known and the views also are well-known. The only question was what was possible under the circumstances and that has been done by the Government of India.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இந்த குறிப்பிட்ட அக்கிரிமெண்டு சம்பந்தமாக சென்னை கவர்ன்மெண்டிடத்தில் ஏதாவது ஆலோசனை கேட்கப்பட்டதா ? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—" இல்லை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லி இருக்கிறார்கள்.''

Secret plan of the Communist Party of India.

* 269 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have information that a secret plan has been adopted by the Communist Party of India at Madurai recently to incite people to voilence, etc.; and

(b) whether the State Government have taken necessary steps to prevent any untoward occurrences?

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take about ten more minutes and finish all the questions.''

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, this question itself may take about half an hour.''

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Finance Minister will please answer the question.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Chief Minister) :—" Sir, Government have seen a booklet purporting to contain secret papers circulated among members of the Communist Party of India at Madurai. Government are fully aware of the doctrines and methods believed in by members